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REMARKS

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 – 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has requested that Applicant place reference numerals in parentheses. Applicant has amended claims 1 - 4 according to Examiner's suggestion by placing reference numerals in parentheses. Applicant still believes that according to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure the parentheses are not necessary. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has requested that antecedent basis be corrected in claim 1. Applicant has corrected antecedent basis in claim 1 by changing "the diameter of a circle . . ." to "a diameter of a circle . . ." at lines 5 and 6 of the claims. Claims 5 – 14 are cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Applicant respectfully asserts that with this amendment after final office action all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests the timely issuance of the Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this pending patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the below signed attorney at the convenience of the Examiner. In the event there are any fees or charges associated with the filing of these documents, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3085 for any necessary amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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